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He was one who appreciated a good joke. Although I have not completed my tribute to this great leader, this great Texan, let me say, Madam Speaker, to his wife and to his children, we have truly lost an American hero, a Texas hero, but most of all we have lost a friend who cared and loved for his fellow man and woman more than he cared for himself.

God bless you, Bob Bullock, God bless America, and God bless Texas.

Whenever I fly home to Texas and my plane approaches the Texas State line, I often hear the sound of rising thunder drifting across the land. That rumble is the echoes of Texans, past and present, voicing their solid beliefs in individuality, independence, and State pride. For the past few days, however, that thunder has been still, for the voices of all Texans have been silent in quiet reverence for the passing of former Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

After courageously fighting lung cancer and heart disease, Bob Bullock passed away this past Friday. As we Texans like to say, he fought a good fight. He simply ran out of time.

Bob Bullock's long and proud legacy of service to Texas stands as a striking and fitting monument. In addition to his post as Lieutenant Governor, Bullock served 16 years as State Comptroller. He also served Texas as the Secretary of State, as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, and as an Assistant Attorney General. And from his early days as a Texas State Representative in 1956 to his final days as a retired Lieutenant Governor, Bob Bullock placed the interests of his State even before his own.

As Secretary of State, he strove to attain campaign and election law changes, as well as voting rights for 18 year-olds. Bullock headed the first consumer protection division at the Texas attorney general's office as an assistant attorney general. And while he was a great admirer of history, particularly Texas history, Bob Bullock also knew the value of foreseeing the future, something quite evident when he became one of the first elected officials to use computers at his office.

Because I have known discrimination, I appreciate and applaud Bob Bullock's steadfast commitment to equal opportunity. As the Texas State Comptroller, he was the first elected official to enact an equal opportunity employment policy in his office. I can recall many times where Bullock shared political alliances with the late Barbara Jordan, the first

black woman elected to the Texas State Senate. Bullock always looked beyond a person's race or gender. To him, it was only the person's spirit and character that mattered. He was also a friend of our first historically black State School in the State, one born out of segregation—Texas Southern University.

And as a mother whose children were a part of the school system in Texas, I am also grateful for his successful efforts to enhance the quality of the Texas education system by implementing improvements. As Lieutenant Governor in 1991, Bullock helped pass a school plan that encouraged wealthy school districts to share their money with districts less fortunate.

Yet, it seems that Bob Bullock, like all Texas heroes, transcends his mere accomplishments. It is his character that we will cherish and remember. Bob Bullock was a force. He had a fiery temper that could put even the hottest Texas chili to shame, and he was as demanding on his staff as he was on himself. When Bullock won his position as Lieutenant Governor, he took many Texas Senators to task, and soon the Senators deemed his fiery and confrontational demeanor as The Bullock Treatment.

As many know, however, in the midst of the Bullock storm stood a gentle calm. And it is his great capacity for kindness and consideration that most remember. Bob Bullock always had an intense loyalty for his friends and loved ones. He was known for his corps of aides composed of a vast mix of individual talents, a group he affectionately called "the world's largest group of born losers." Through his belief in their abilities, he found ways to optimize the skills and personalities of each person. Perhaps because Bullock stood behind each and every member of his staff, they, too, stood behind him with determination and die-hard loyalty. He also was always ready for a good joke and a hearty laugh.

Bob Bullock learned early in his career that the good of the State often rose well above mere politics. When Governor George W. Bush first entered office, Bullock quickly forged a friendship with the new Governor. Bob Bullock was keen enough to realize that in-fighting with the Capitol could not help his State. He built a foundation for bipartisanship that now drives the State forward.

Bob Bullock now rests in the State Cemetery, which, ironically, now stands in renewed glory thanks to Bullock's renovation efforts. This past Sunday, a crowd of mourners stood below the gray sky and said their quiet good-byes. People from all walks of life attended, a tribute to Bullock's ability to touch a great cross-section of society. And although the entire state claimed him, he loved his beloved Hillsboro and they loved and admired him.

Like all Texas heroes, Bob Bullock embraced the very ideal of Texas. His personality was tough, incendiary, yet compassionate. He was great, and he was grand. And for that, Texas embraced, and still embraces, him.

To his wife Jan, his son and daughter, his stepdaughter, his grandson and all his other family members, we all lost a great Texan and a Great American, long may his legacy be remembered.

RELEASE OF RUDMAN REPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 19, 1999, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, the report of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board that criticized the state of security at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories and recommending certain structural reforms was released last week. This advisory board was chaired by former Senator Warren Rudman and includes detailees from the CIA, the FBI, and the Department of Defense. The report was titled, quote, Science at Its Best, Security at Its Worst.

Even though the Clinton administration has tried time and time again to pass the buck on taking responsibility for the security failures and has attempted to place the blame on previous administrations, a current administration spokesman at the White House who was intimately involved in the preparation of the report said the current administration is more culpable than any since the Department of Energy was created in 1977. The Rudman report denounces the administration for ignoring the Republican-proposed reforms at the Energy Department when it took office in 1993.

Here are some of the findings from the Rudman report: One, an Energy Department employee was dead 11 months before officials realized four documents with classified and restricted data were still assigned to him.

It took 45 months to fix a broken doorknob that was stuck in an open position, allowing access to sensitive nuclear information.

Energy Department officials took 35 months to write a work order to replace a lock at a weapons lab facility containing sensitive nuclear information.

Ordering security for mislabeled software took 24 months.

No one knows how many months passed before a security audit team discovered that the main telephone frame door at a weapons lab had been forced open and the lock destroyed.

And lastly, correcting a mistake that allowed secure telephone cryptographic materials to go improperly safeguarded for 51 months.

But most damaging of all is the following section of the Rudman report, and let me read it: "Never have the members of the special investigative panel witnessed a bureaucratic culture so thoroughly saturated with cynicism and disregard for authority. Never before has this panel found such a cavalier attitude towards one of the most serious responsibilities in the Federal Government, control of the design information relating to nuclear weapons. Never before has the panel found an agency with a bureaucratic insolence to dispute, delay and resist implementation of a Presidential directive on security as DOE's bureaucracy tried to do on the President's Decision Directive No. 61 that was issued in February of 1998."

This directive mandated new counterintelligence measures at the labs, but the Advisory Board found that implementation of this directive suffered from "bureaucratic foot-dragging and even," Madam Speaker, recalcitrance" by DOE and lab officials. The report further notes that, quote, "DOE and the weapons laboratories have a deeply rooted culture of low regard for and at times hostility to security issues, which has continually frustrated the efforts of its internal and external critics," end quote.

The Rudman report makes two specific recommendations. The first is that the DOE's "weapon research and stockpile management function should be placed wholly within a new semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy that has a clear mission, streamlined bureaucracy, drastically simplified lines of authority and accountability" and the agency's Director would report directly to the Energy Secretary.

The second alternative recommendation was to create a wholly independent agency to handle the previously mentioned functions, and its Director would report directly to the President.

Unfortunately, I personally do not believe that a reorganization or a shake-up of the Department of Energy and how it handles nuclear secrets will be sufficient in destroying the pervasive antiestablishment culture that exists in the Department and at the weapons lab as detailed by the Rudman report. Instead, I agree with the conclusion of the Rudman report which states that the Department of Energy is, quote, "incapable of reforming itself, bureaucratically and culturally, in a lasting way even under an activist Secretary," end quote.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, the only way to protect our Nation's nuclear weapons is through the abolishment of the Department of Energy itself and placing all of its offices in other Federal agencies. I believe the management of our Nation's nuclear weapons and all classified related functions of the Department of Energy should be transferred to the Department of Defense. All other nonclassified functions should be transferred to a semi-independent agency within the Department of Commerce.

The bureaucratic stranglehold that has become the Department of Energy has placed our Nation's security at risk, and the only way out of effectively ending this ineptitude is through the ending of the Department of Energy.

A DAY TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) is recognized during morning hour debates for 4 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for helping to organize today's morning hour. This week Americans will honor working men and women who help others to organize, who help people take those first difficult steps toward forming a union that protects their right to a livable wage, affordable health care, a secure retirement and a safe workplace.

United employees are a powerful balancing force against runaway corporate power. United employees win better working conditions, pay and benefits for all workers, not just those who belong to unions.

I have always been unapologetic about working arm in arm with Americans who fight for the values that make this Nation great: respect, fairness, security and an opportunity to give our families a brighter future. As we all know, today's battles are infused with these values.

We have come a long way since the days when the United States did not know the meaning of employee rights. We have a labor movement to thank. Unions fought to free their members from back-breaking labor, unsafe conditions and from low wages. Unions fought for basic rights. Many a union worker gave their lives for these gains and these principles.

My own mother worked in a sweatshop in New Haven, Connecticut, during the early part of this century, slaving over a sewing machine. She worked long days in awful conditions for only pennies a dress. No one should ever have to return to these days.

But we do not need to refer to the history books to understand the need for unions today. Organized labor is as relevant and as important today as during those first organizing drives. We do not have sweatshops on the same scale, and there are a litany of labor laws on the books, but attacks still continue. Workers' rights are eaten away at constantly. Employees are losing leverage and their say in the workplace and in the larger community every day.

Over the past 3 years, with the blessing of the Republican majority, the business lobby has encouraged efforts to cut enforcement of worker protection laws and blocked development of programs to improve worker health and worker safety.

I want to talk about a victory in the movement to organize that happened last year in my own district, the Third District of Connecticut, and honor the hard-working men and women who fought for that victory. Last spring, 230 employees at the New Haven Omni Hotel won the right to openly choose their own union. This was a victory over the hotel's long-standing insistence on a secret ballot election. In a fight for the basic right to choose their own union, the employees were supported by elected leaders such as myself, local clergy, academics, students and civil rights groups.

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These groups held hearings, they met with hotel managers, and they even threatened to boycott the hotel. Such support should be the rule, not the exception, but sadly it is not. According to a Cornell University study, one in four employees who are active in union campaigns are fired each year for exercising their right to choose a union. Ninety-one percent of employers, when they learn that their workers want to form a union, force employees to attend closed-door meetings, to listen to anti-union propaganda, and once they have organized, working men and women still have to fight for basic rights. At the Stratford Army Engine Plant, Yale and Sikorski employees have had to fight for livable wages, health care, and adequate retirement policies. These are not only assaults on unions, they are assaults on the integrity of our communities.

Since the beginning, working men and women have fought for the values that make this Nation great, equality, fairness, security, and an opportunity to give one's family a bright future. The battle has not been easy, but together we will turn the tide and once again help improve working American's lives and set new directions for this country.

I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for inviting me to join this morning. It is an honor to be here every day and every day in the fight to uphold American basic values. The fight is worth it, especially on behalf of American families.

IF NOAH LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, this is not original. It was sent to me by someone else, but I thought it was very apropos for our life today. It is called If Noah Lived in the United States Today.

And the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "In 1 year I'm going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all flesh is destroyed, but I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on the earth. Therefore I'm commanding you to build an ark." In a flash of lightning God delivered the specifications for an ark, and fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build he ark.

"Remember," said the Lord, "you must complete the ark and bring everything aboard in 1 year."

Well, exactly 1 year later fierce storm clouds covered the earth, and all the seas of the earth went into tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah," he shouted, "Where is the ark? Lord,